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The time and place of the Twentieth Annual Meeting will be appointed later by the Executive Committee and approved by the Bishop.

Annual Meetings of Parochial Branches on the Feast of the Epiphany. Offering for the Contingent Fund.

Nineteenth Annual Meeting
OF THE
Southern Florida Auxiliary

The Annual Meeting.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Southern Florida Auxiliary was held in Orlando on Thursday, the 25th of January.

At 9:00 a. m. there was a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Luke's Cathedral, at which the Bishop was celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Jas. Cope, of Miami, who also made the address to the women.

Address.

The way to eternal life is along the road of service. The gathering of such a body for a corporate communion is more significant than we are apt to consider. It recalls that withdrawal to the Mount of Transfiguration and the gradual obliteration of all faces and impressions save that of Jesus only. Then on that return to the plains of prosaic duties and tasks came that wondrous display of miraculous power, healing, saving, blessing. Too, in this approach to the Blessed Lord in this Holy Sacrament we ascend the Mount of Transfiguration for the beholding of the Master's Face and then to return

to the discussions and planning for further service. This should be the keynote of this the highest form of service by the women of the church. Vision and power come from the approach to God in the Blessed Sacrament. Dear women, such expressions as, "used to work in Guild," "used to work in Woman's Auxiliary," "I have done my share, let others do the work now," are evidences of the separation of seeing the Master's Face and the prosaic trying devotion to uninteresting work. The interest and devotion of women in the work of the church has impressed and moved the serious thinker with admiration and drawn from the unbeliever and scoffer words of contempt and ridicule at a philosophy of life, Divine philosophy, attracting only women and children. In this devotion of womanhood we have a direct, a most direct, evidence of Christianity as a manifestation of Divine power. From the low Roman conception of women as a chattel, to this height of contact with the Blessed Lord and sweetest service in His name. In unconscious gratitude for this uplifting, she is much in love and service. Yet the spirit of the past lives in some dioceses and missionary districts of not permitting the women to vote in parish meetings and convocations. Outside the priesthood there is no sex in the kingdom of heaven. Membership and work in the Woman's Auxiliary, save in and under exceptional circumstances, throws a higher, deeper and wider conception of the church's duty to the world. It carries with it a fuller understanding of the church Catholic and its salvation of the whole world. From this higher and more unselfish vision the local demands and duties are better met. God hasten the day when every parish and mission shall have a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary and that with the higher conception of responsibility shall come to our work inspiration, strength and blessing.

Minutes of the Meeting.

The business meeting was held in the assembly room of the Cathedral School, and was called to order at 10:45.

Miss Anna Rand was appointed secretary of the meeting.

The roll call showed 16 delegates present, representing 10 branches. The president welcomed the delegates in the name of the Auxiliary and then delivered her annual address.

The reports of the treasurer, secretary, secretary-treasurer of the Junior Department, and of the Babies Branch; of the Church Periodical Club and of the Palm Branch Committee, were read and received.

Deaconess Parkhill urged greater interest in the work of the Juniors. The secretary-treasurer of the Babies Branch asked for greater regularity in sending in their offerings, and Mrs. Gillette spoke of the Tampa branch. Deaconess Parkhill told of a service in Jackson, Miss., to which the babies bring their offering, and recommended something of the kind in the branches of this jurisdiction.

Pledges for the apportionment were made as follows: Lakeland, \$10; Longwood, \$5; Ocala, \$25; Orlando, \$75; Sanford, \$5; St. Petersburg, \$5; Tampa, St. Andrews, \$20; Tampa, House of Prayer, \$5; Winter Park, \$5; Mrs. Codman, \$15; Maitland, \$17; personal pledge, \$25.

Pledges for the contingent fund were: Fort Myers, \$1; Lakeland, \$5; Longwood, \$2; Ocala, \$5; Orlando, \$15; Sanford, \$5; St. Petersburg, \$5; Tampa, St. Andrews, \$15; Tampa, House of Prayer, \$2; Winter Park, \$5; Mrs. Cadman \$2; Mrs. Yancey, \$2.

Two generous gifts for the Palm Branch were \$5 from Mrs. Joy, of Oklahoma, and \$10 from Rev. Mr. Cope.

Mrs. Gray told of the meeting of the Fourth Department at Knoxville last November, where it was suggested that

each diocesan Auxiliary be asked to donate \$5 at their annual meetings toward the expenses of the Department Auxiliary organization. Mrs. Massey made this gift.

Mrs. Gray spoke of the Advent box which will be packed in Orlando. Rev. Mr. Cope read the Noonday prayers for missions and afterward spoke of his interest in the work of the Auxiliary, in response to the president's thanks for his morning's address. The president told of the medal for the Cathedral School, given again by Miss Babbitt, of Tampa, in the name of the Auxiliary.

Reports of the missionary meeting of the Fourth Department in Knoxville were distributed to the delegates.

The president read the resolutions made at the above meeting in regard to the appreciation of the Auxiliary of Miss Emery's able and devoted work, and also read the suggestion that the Auxiliary should raise a fund, the income to be used by Miss Emery; the principal applied later to missions according to her directions. Mrs. Massey, of Orlando, pledged \$5 for this fund.

After the regular business of the meeting, an interim was given for general discussion, which was chiefly about the Seminole Indians. Deaconess Parkhill read a letter from Mrs. Hanson, of Fort Myers. The meeting then adjourned until 3:00 o'clock.

The afternoon session was called to order by the president at 3:10 p. m.

Miss Elwes read an interesting letter from Mrs. Cleaveland, the wife of the missionary who received the Advent box. Miss Robinson read a report of the Palm Branch Committee, which was omitted in the morning.

It was moved and carried that the offering taken at the morning service, of \$26.25, should be given to the Bishop's Special Fund. The president suggested that the United Offering boxes should be opened twice a year instead of once.

Deaconess Parkhill suggested the use of the book, "The Conquest of the Continent," in the parochial meetings.

Rev. Mr. Little made an address on the Seminole Indians.

A resolution of thanks for the hospitality extended to the visitors was offered by Mrs. Gillette, of Tampa, and carried by a rising vote.

The offering at this meeting, \$11.06, was given for work among the Seminoles.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved and the meeting adjourned with the singing of the doxology.

ANNA A. RAND,
Secretary of Meeting.

Harriet R. Parkhill,
Secretary.



Address of the President.

In the name of the Cathedral Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary I extend a cordial welcome to all the delegates assembled here today in our 19th annual meeting. Let us all strive to bring with us such a hearty enthusiasm as shall render the Woman's Auxiliary a more living factor than ever before in the missionary life of the church. As some one aptly puts it: In these days of stirring activity, when women are doing such wonderful work in the cause of philanthropy and education, it is our satisfaction to know that ours is the worthiest aim of all—the cause of Christianity and humanity. If there is anything that should warm and open the hearts of women to each other, it is the knowledge that we are about our Father's business. Is there anything too great to expect from women, who owe all the high privileges and advantages of life to the gospel?

"If Christian life is in us we are bound to prove our birthright by passing it on to those who have it not."

Just now conditions for evangelizing the world are more favorable than ever before. Heathen nations, heretofore closed, have opened their doors and are ready to hear the message of the gospel. As yet they have no idea of the brotherhood of man, because they know nothing of the love of Christ. But the world is rich, Christian nations are prosperous, travel is easy, and it is quite possible for us to send this message of love to those in foreign parts. To do this we need the workers and we need the means. In some small measure, the United Offering, our great triennial thank offering, supplies both of these needs. There are now 200 workers supported by this fund, but it needs to grow and grow and grow, as there is no end to the opportunities opening up for trained women workers. In Knoxville, this fall at the meeting of the council there, the Woman's Auxiliary effected a permanent organization.

United Offering

There were fifty-two delegates present, eleven of the twelve dioceses and the two missionary districts belonging to the council being represented. At one of the sessions, it was moved and carried that each diocesan branch of the Sewanee department pledge itself this year to double the amount of the United Offering raised last year. The amount raised by South Florida was \$119.15, and we therefore stand pledged to raise \$238.30 by the time of our next annual meeting. The Cathedral Branch, as may be seen by referring to the January Palm Branch, has already made a good beginning in that direction. Another suggestion which has been made is that besides the regular cent a day, or week, as the case may be, we drop in on each birthday a penny for each year of age. Then "Thankful Pennies" from grateful hearts would count up wonderfully. I heard a lady say that any morning when it grew late and she became anxious and worried for fear the cook would fail to appear, if she came at last the thankful penny was cheerfully dropped in the little blue box; and when the various anxieties about the children did not materialize in went the thankful pennies. Another lady devoted the proceeds of all the eggs which her hens laid on Sunday—which at the present price made quite an addition.

But while doing our utmost in this direction, we must not forget the missionaries in our midst and our systematic offering upon which so much of our missionary work in Southern Florida depends. This fund should be increased, not by asking more from those who are already strained and overstrained, but by interesting new workers in the Master's vineyard. As Bishop Lloyd says, if \$10,000 are to be raised by 10,000 persons and only 1,000 are at work, then we who are interested must strive to enthuse the other 9,000 and so by bringing in the many to increase the fund and at the same time relieve the pressure which is now overburdening the few.

The Board of Missions in New York is about to begin a new system for the support of the missions of the church in general. Heretofore each diocese was apportioned a certain

amount by the Board, and each branch of the Auxiliary had its own apportionment and the Sunday-school children had theirs. Now the apportionment is made in lump to each Bishop. Southern Florida is asked to raise \$1,910.00 for the missionary work of the church, as her share of the necessary annual amount required. But let me say here that over five times that amount is given annually from the treasury of the Board to South Florida for the support of the white, the colored and the Indian work here, and for the salary of your Bishop.

Oh! that we might interest the men of South Florida in what is called the Men's Forward Movement. Listen to what one rector after a trial of it in his parish writes to the Spirit of Missions: "I am glad to say, as a result of a vigorous educational campaign, with emphasis upon the importance of everyone sharing in the weekly offering, we have already secured the full apportionment. You ask, what has been the influence of this larger giving on the congregation? The parish has risen from the dead! Parochial offerings have increased! It is a joy to feel the new spirit at work." Another rector writes: "A wonderful change has come over this parish within the last two years. In the autumn of 1909 we had the Laymen's Missionary Movement convention here, the duplex envelopes were urged and adopted by the vestry and suddenly the parish wakened up. We paid last year's apportionment and gave to every other missionary cause that the church in this diocese is interested in. This year we are helping a missionary outside, and our Junior Auxiliary is educating a boy in China. This is a parish of working people." Another parish reports fifty-five communicants. In four days one canvasser saw forty-two of the people and forty-one became subscribers for local support and church extension. Subscriptions varied from five cents to \$1.00 a week for parish support, and from one to ten cents per week for church extension. The amount thus subscribed for missions is about double that given last year. Twelve persons who previously were not

giving anything for the support of the parish made subscriptions for that purpose and three others increased their subscriptions. So let us set cheerfully to work to do our best. Let us enthuse the men by our own enthusiasm. Induce them to become parish canvassers by starting in ourselves as such. So will our parishes arise from the dead, and parochial as well as missionary offerings increase.

A letter from Miss Emery begs that in our zeal for apportionment we do not forget the "Foreign Insurance Fund," which, as a "Special," does not count on apportionment. But she says of it, it is a very important special, bearing the same relation to the foreign missionary that the boxes bear to the domestic missionary. She suggests that as we raised \$180.00 for this purpose last year, this year we assume two of these pledges of \$50.00 each, selecting from among our foreign missionaries those we would like to have the benefit of our offering. Then the rest that we raise could go towards apportionment, either foreign or domestic, or be divided between the two. Now, I propose that as last year we raised \$100.00 for our Easter offering, and \$180.00 on the Insurance Fund,—\$280.00 in all,—we this year pledge \$300.00; \$100.00 for insurance, selecting two missionaries as our special beneficiaries. This takes the place, you remember, of the Easter box. Then the remaining \$200.00 will be credited on apportionment and can go either designated or undesignated.

FANNIE C. GRAY, President.

Orlando, Florida, January, 1912.



Report of the Secretary.

The total offerings for the year 1911 are as follows:

Woman's Auxiliary	\$1,778.81
Junior Department	161.73
Babies Branch	49.51

We report twenty-three branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, with offerings from seven contributing points. These offerings were for other funds than the systematic and we would suggest that an effort be made by these contributing points to send in future an offering to this fund, if only a small sum.

Notwithstanding two branches have lapsed during the past year the systematic offering shows a slight increase over last year. New branches have been started at the House of Prayer, Tampa; at Jensen, Fort Pierce and Orange City. The reorganized branches at Courtenay and Winter Park have done good and regular work. Since the beginning of the year 1912 Fort Meade has sent an offering to the Systematic Fund, which is a good omen for that branch for the coming year. In place of our usual Easter boxes we were requested by Miss Emery to give one or two premiums of fifty dollars each to the Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund, and we pledged one hundred dollars. The branches responded generously, enabling us to send to this fund \$180.77.

The Advent box to which the contributions this year were particularly good, was sent to the mountaineers in Virginia, under the care of Rev. Willis Cleaveland. A number of branches sent boxes of supplies to the Church Home and Hospital at Thanksgiving, and the Lakeland branch sent a monthly box, the total value being \$69.00.

In reviewing the various funds we are gratified to find an increase in all save one, the greatest increase being in the systematic offerings, for which we are particularly thankful.

The Junior department held their usual Christmas sale and added a nice sum to their fund for the children's ward at the Church Home and Hospital; also sent a generous barrel of gifts to Rev. Claiborne, in charge of the mission at Sewanee, Tenn., which helped to make their Christmas glad and was greatly appreciated by Mr. Claiborne.

The Church Periodical Club still continues its good work and carries comfort to many isolated and needy readers.

The Palm branch has been enlarged and improved during the year and we feel that it is making a steady progress, although the amount drawn from the Contingent Fund for running expenses is slightly greater than last year. Since the appointment of your secretary the 1st of October, postals were sent to all the branches throughout the diocese asking for reports of their respective branches, to which I have received most satisfactory answers, and at the request of Miss Emery I have sent to every branch in the diocese a copy of the annual report of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions telling of the work accomplished in the last forty years.

In looking over the work of the past year we find much for our encouragement. Many of the branches are stronger in numbers than last year and the weaker ones have still the "faithful few," who meet regularly, have their prayers for missions, with perhaps a short time for social intercourse, thereby keeping the branch alive, with the hope of interesting others in our Lord's work for spreading His gospel.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNIE L. MALLORY, Secretary.



Report of the Treasurer.

From January 1, 1911, to January 1, 1912.

BRANCHES.	Special	Systematic Offering	Contingent Fund	United Offering	Apportionment	Missionary Insurance Fund	Boxes	Total in Money and Boxes
Bradentown, Christ	1 50	14 96	10 00		5 00	3 50	10 50	45 46
Courtenay, St. Luke's		17 01		1 00	1 10	3 25		22 36
DeLand, St. Barnabas'	16 00	49 00	2 00		4 00	9 00		80 00
Fort Myers, St. Luke's		10 15		1 55				11 70
Fort Pierce, St. Andrew's		2 00	5 70		5 00			12 70
Key West, Holy Innocents		2 00						2 00
Key West, St. Paul's	17 50	67 35	5 00	10 25	5 00	17 50	19 50	142 10
Lakeland, All Saints'	2 00	59 00	6 11	5 57	3 50	6 00	148 17	230 35
Leesburg, St. James'	3 25	13 00	2 00			4 00		22 25
Longwood, Christ		12 75	2 76	2 25	2 10	3 02	4 00	26 88
Maitland, Good Shepherd	10 00	10 50		3 00	7 00	10 00	2 00	42 50
Melbourne, Holy Trinity		11 45	2 00	5 51		5 00		23 96
Ocala, Grace		57 70	6 00	8 98	7 00	35 85	103 00	218 53
Orange City, St. Timothy's	30 00	8 95	1 00			4 00		43 95
Orlando, St. Luke's Cathedral		142 60	16 60	23 42	20 00	28 00	72 00	302 62
Ormond, St. James'		8 55	2 65		2 00	4 00		17 20
Sanford, Holy Cross		42 05	4 00		4 00	5 00	12 50	67 55
St. Petersburg, St. Peter's	3 25	23 25	5 00	7 64	4 00	8 00	14 15	66 79
Tampa, St. Andrew's		82 93	15 00	27 00	5 00	6 25		186 18
Tampa, House of Prayer		6 45				4 00		10 45
West Jupiter		7 50					11 00	18 50
Jensen Waveland, All Saints'		26 40				7 50		33 90
Winter Park, All Saints'		12 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	18 00	32 00
Brooksville, St. John's			1 50			1 00		2 50
Narcoossee, Mrs. Cadman				6 05	10 00	5 60	5 00	26 05
South Lake Weir						1 00		1 00
Zeilwood, Mrs. Baker				1 00		2 00	2 00	5 00
Bowling Green							4 50	4 50
Clearwater							5 00	5 00
Sanibel							9 00	9 00
Miss Babbitt, Cathedral School Medal	12 00							12 00
Collection taken at Meeting of W. A. S. January, 1911,	12 61							12 61
Collection taken at Service in Convocation, January, 1911,		7 39						7 39
Deaconess Parkhill, for Tokio, Jap.		5 00						5 00
Bartow				4 00		5 90	7 50	17 40
Buena Vista				2 00				2 00
Eustis, St. Thomas'				4 58				4 58
Naranja; Mrs. Barcus				35				35
The Woman's Jubilee Offering				54 00				54 00
Totals	120 50	687 55	88 32	173 15	85 70	180 77	442 82	1778 81
Junior Department								171 91
Babies' Branch								49 51
Grand Total								2000 23

RECEIPTS

Balance January 1, 1911	\$ 82 97
Systematic Offerings	687 55
Contingent Fund	88 32
Apportionment	85 70
United Offering	171 15
Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund	180 77
Specials	120 50

	\$1416 96

DISBURSEMENTS

To Missionary Work in Jurisdiction	\$ 690 00
To Church Home and Hospital	38 50
To Medal for School	12 00
To Glade Cross Mission	40 00
Printing, Postage, etc.	90 03
Tokio, Japan	5 00
Deaconess Training School, Philadelphia	20 00
Apportionment	100 00
Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund	180 77
United Offering	171 15
Balance in hand	69 51

	\$1416 96

Respectfully submitted,

L. MARION CARY-ELWES, Treasurer.

Junior Department.

Nineteenth Annual Report of the Southern Florida Junior Auxiliary.

During the summer months there was no work done, but I tried by monthly letters in the PALM BRANCH to keep the people of the Church in remembrance of the great needs in the mission fields at home and abroad. I tried to get some leader to go to one of Miss Grace Lindley's Institutes in the South for training Leaders, but circumstances were such that no one could go. I wrote to all the Branches in September, urging the beginning of work October 1st. The Branches in St. Andrews, Tampa, St. Barnabas' DeLand, St. Luke's Cathedral, Orlando, Christ Church, Longwood, the Cathedral School, Orlando, and the two new Branches at St. Luke's Church, Courtenay and Grace Church, New Smyrna, have all been at work this winter. St. Andrew's, Ft. Pierce, did a wonderful work up to May, 1911, when it lost its efficient Leader.

The Advent Box was sent to Rev. W. S. Claiborne at Se-wannee, for his Mountain Mission Christmas Celebration.

The new Branch in Courtenay, is composed of eight tiny children who are much interested and have already learned self-sacrifice in giving. The one in New Smyrna has for its Leader and organizer, a former pupil of the Cathedral School, and both Leader and children are greatly interested in the Spirit of Missions, the PALM BRANCH and other missionary reading.

In Tampa, Mrs. Seclor, who with Mrs. Crane of blessed memory—was leader of the St. Andrew's Juniors twenty years ago, has again entered into this work.

The total amount in money and boxes this year is \$171.91. Of this, \$134.01 is for the Children's Ward at the Hospital, being made up of results of sales, etc., and of gifts for that purpose. Added to the balance from last year, \$116.34, we have now in the bank for that purpose, \$250.35.

As reported last year, we have barely touched the outer rim of the important work of teaching and interesting the children and young people, girls and boys, in the "World Field," which our Lord Jesus Christ left for the members of His Church to cultivate and plant.

Each Directress of a Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, is responsible for every department or line of work in the Branch. Only seven Branches did any work the past year. What are the other sixty-five parishes and missions thinking of to neglect this great duty to their children?

The children are sent to school every day and taught all possible secular learning. What of the geography, the history and the mathematics of the Kingdom of God?

The knowledge of the mission stations, the history and work of those heroes—the missionaries, the millions of people "sitting in the darkness," waiting for us to have the God-given Light, to bring it to them?

The secular learning may help them in *this* life—the other is for eternity, and we have *all*, each one of us, eternity before us. Eternal existence is inevitable.

Shall we not strive for the Judge's "Well Done" in that future life by obeying His last command, "Go, and preach the Gospel to the *uttermost* parts of the earth?"

Respectfully submitted,

DEACONESS H. R. PARKHILL,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY

From January, 1911, to January, 1912.

Balance January 1st, 1911	\$ 116 49
Systematic Offering.....	20 87
Receipts from December Sale	56 55
Gifts from friends	29 06
To Children's Ward	55 25
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	\$278 22

Total received 1911, with boxes,

\$161.73

Disbursements.

To pay to Mr. Rand— Bishops' Special Fund.....	\$ 6 95
To General Missions.....	13 92
To Mountain Mission in Saluda	25
To Gifts for Christmas Box.....	2 25
Express on Boxes	3 65
Balance on hand for Children's Ward.....	251 20
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	\$278 22

Total paid out with boxes,

\$49.02

Boxes Sent

To Saluda Mountain Mission, value.....	\$ 5 00
Christmas Box to Tennessee Mountains, value	17 00

DEACONESS HARRIET R. PARKHILL,

\$22.00

Treasurer.

Fifteenth Annual Report of the Babies Branch

This year's work is far below the average in regard to collections from the boxes. Twenty-seven new names were added and we have enrolled one hundred and fifty, having heard from seventy-seven of these.

Two little ones have gone to their Maker, Mary Elizabeth Patterson, of Bradenton, and Flossie Margaret Colson of St. Petersburg. The mothers have taken memorial boxes.

The following places were heard from: Tampa, St. Petersburg, Chattahoochee, Orlando, Bowling Green, St. Augustine, Mulberry, Citra, Christina, Jensen, Bradenton, Tarpon Springs, Ocala, Key West, Aveiova, New York, and Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. The "first gifts" amounted to \$1.35 and have been designated to send to St. Mary's Orphanage, at Shanghai, China. The systematic offering from the boxes amounted to \$48.16, which, less the expenses, under the new ruling has been sent to the treasurer of the jurisdiction.

The financial report is as follows:

Fifteenth Annual Report of the Babies Branch, From January 1, 1911, to January 1, 1912—

Members enrolled	150
Members reporting	77
First gifts	\$ 1.35
Systematic offerings	48.16

Total raised	\$49.51
Expenses, postage94

Total, less expenses	\$48.57
Disbursements—	

First gifts to St. Mary's Orphanage	\$ 1.35
For Missions, to treasurer	47.22

\$48.57

Respectfully submitted,
HATTIE HUDSON,
Secretary-Treasurer Babies Branch.

United Offering Report, January 1911-1912.

This year's receipts for the United Offering show a smaller number of contributing parishes and missions, which is somewhat discouraging, but on the other hand, greater interest has been shown by several branches than ever before, with the result of largely increased offerings from these places. It is this arousing of interest in the individual to which we look for the furthering of this great cause of Woman's Mission to Women, in which all, whatever their means, may have an equal part. There has been considerable call for boxes of late, which your custodian is always glad to forward free of charge. An account is kept of those sent out and it is earnestly hoped that no single blue box sent may fail of some return each year, be it small or great for this great triennial offering of our women. In the larger parishes or missions, when possible, we urge that a United Offering treasurer be appointed, whose sole duties shall be to keep a list of the blue boxes and their owners, collect the contents in the spring and fall (it has been suggested that this might be done at a social gathering), and remit either direct to the custodian at Orlando or through the regular W. A. S. treasurer. In the year 1910 our Southern Florida offering from twenty-eight parishes and missions and a few scattered persons amounted to \$164.79. In the year 1911 the offering was from eighteen parishes and missions only, and amounted to \$119.15. We hope in 1912 to have response from every parish and mission and to double the amount of last year. It can be done easily if each one take the matter to heart. In December the custodian sent sixteen reminders to parishes and missions which had not reported contributions to this fund during the year, only seven of which replied, sending contents of boxes. Reminders were also sent to six individuals who had accepted boxes during the year, only one of whom replied, sending the contents of her box. During the year the custodian has sent out over 100 boxes.

On November 21st, 1911, in Orlando, the combined missionary societies of the Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist and Baptist churches celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Missions together in the interesting way you have read of in your January Palm Branch. At an enthusiastic evening meeting an offering was taken and divided equally between the four congregations, each one having the privilege of devoting it to the forward movement in missions in any way deemed best. Next day, at the suggestion of Mrs. Gray, our church women came together and made a thank offering for all the blessings that Christianity has brought to women, which amounted together with the \$13.00 from the collection, to \$54.00. This amount is given therefore to our fund in addition to the amount above stated from the whole jurisdiction.

CLARA HADEN,
Custodian of United Offering.

Report of Church Periodical Club, 1911.

There is little news to report in the work of the Church Periodical Club in this jurisdiction. The faithful ones continue to send cheering food for hungry minds. We still have to lament inability to arouse interest in the many whom it would seem might be glad to help less favored ones at so little expenditure of time and means. It may be said, "It is too much trouble." But is it not well worth the trouble? The mental craving is often quite as real as the physical need for food.

We have duties which we perform with needful regularity—why not this one of them, and be as regular in doing it as with the others which we do not neglect?

To promise and not to perform but adds to the labors of those who must keep the records, and is a loss to expectant recipients.

Any one desiring to aid in the work, where there is no librarian, will be gladly furnished with addresses by the correspondent.

There have been sent out the past year ninety-six regulars; four barrels of files and odd numbers to reading rooms; seventy-nine to charitable institutions; besides numbers to jail and county home. One member gives five dollars yearly for the much needed endowment fund, established for payment of rent, clerk hire, etc., at headquarters.

While we are thankful for the good now accomplished, may we not hope that the report for the coming year will show an increase in the work and the workers.

L. W. WEDDELL, Correspondent.

Report of Palm Branch Committee.

On account of the imperative need for more space the Palm Branch was doubled in size, commencing with the October issue. Since that time the subscription list has grown considerably and we have received some substantial encouragement in the way of donations and advertisements, for which we are very grateful, but with the additional expense consequent upon enlargement, and the very low subscription price, the circulation must still be greatly increased before the paper can be self-supporting as it should be.

To this report we add an earnest, special appeal to the clergy of Southern Florida. The Palm Branch has never received the support which might have been expected for our diocesan paper. When the need for more space became so urgent that the venture of doubling size (and expense) was made, we asked in that October issue that our clergy would aid by appointing some one in each parish and mission to undertake systematic canvass of all church families for subscriptions—for we are confident many of our church people do not even know of such publication. If this plan was tried anywhere, we have received no evidence thereof.

We feel the price must shortly be raised if we are to meet expenses, the present rate being insufficient for actual cost. None of our diocesan exchanges are less than fifty cents, and nearly everyone would be willing to pay that, but we wish to increase circulation first. The expenses are confined to printing bills and mail rate—all the work of preparing our paper and of putting it up for mailing being freely given. If such publication is needed by the church in Southern Florida, and if earnest workers are giving their time and labor each month to send it forth, surely our clergy will unite in the help so needed from them, for we cannot hope to succeed without such co-operation.

We ask that the clergy give notice of the Palm Branch in each congregation at an early date—when perhaps some of the many tourists would also respond—and see to having a committee of one or more as needed, who will ask each church family to subscribe.

The Palm Branch is for the entire jurisdiction, and the responsibility of its maintenance belongs to our church people throughout Southern Florida. Our only hope of reaching the majority of these is through the co-operation of our clergy; failing, this, our paper must fail in its mission.

One further help desired is that our clergy would each send, when possible, items of interest regarding the church work in their respective fields, for our paper, thus vastly increasing its interest and enabling our workers to keep in closer touch with what is accomplished elsewhere.

Receipts—

Balance, January 1, 1911	\$ 2.60
Subscriptions	108.15
Donations	14.70
Advertisements	29.50
From Contingent Fund	45.00

	\$199.95

Disbursements—

Printing and postage	\$189.80
Wraps	1.50
Balance	8.65

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Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Robinson,

Mary W. Sperry,

Committee.



Junior Meeting.

The second annual meeting of the Junior Auxiliary of Southern Florida was held on Wednesday afternoon, January 24th, at the Cathedral School, Deaconess Parkhill presiding. Two delegates were present from the Cathedral Branch, also four other members of the Junior Auxiliary and several visitors. After singing a misionary hymn and having opening prayers, Deaconess Parkhill introduced Miss Kilmer as the secretary appointed for the Junior Department, and Miss Cary-Elwes as their treasurer. The Deaconess then gave her address, followed by the reports of the secretary and treasurer. One of the Juniors read a report of good work done throughout the year by the Cathedral Branch, and a report had been sent from St. Andrew's, Tampa. Very interesting letters were read from two foreign missionaries, one in China, the other in Japan; then one of the Juniors read a letter from Mrs. Clairborne, wife of the missionary to whom the Junior's Christmas box was sent, thanking them for the gifts. A brief discussion of work followed, the children telling of some of the articles made for the annual December sale, and the meeting adjourned after singing the Doxology.

One faithful Junior leader was present, while two others who had expected to come were prevented by sickness. It is hoped that these annual meetings of the Junior Department, which were only begun a year ago, will continue to grow in interest and helpfulness, increasing the zeal and the number of our Junior workers.



